Anti-Corruption Drive

3112. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch an anti-corruption drive;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act; if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware of the order issued by the Bureau of Public Enterprises that officers of public sector undertakings, other than the Chairman; managing Directors and board members; would not come in the ambit of the Central Vigilance Commission;

(e) if so, what are the reasons for divesting the CVC of its control; and

(f) the extent to which the corruption is likely to be eliminated by this steps of the Bureau of Public Enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) A three pronged strategy i.e. Preventive, surveillance and detection and deterrent punitive action, has been adopted to fight corruption. An 'action plan' along with a calendar of vigilance action have been advised to all Ministries/Departments. Certain important measures being taken include identification of corruption prone areas, simplification of rules and procedures, strengthening departmental vigilance machinery, expeditious finalisation of vigilance cases, regular review of the cases of the Government servants who attain the age of 50|55 years or who will be completing 30 years of service with a view to weed out the corrupt and inefficient elements, and a close watch on the officers of doubtful integrity. The question of introducing a comprehensive Prevention of Corruption Bill to make the provisions of the existing anti-corruption laws mor effective is under consideration.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. The orders dated 27.10.86 of the Department of Public Enterprises have been issued on the recommendations of High Power Committees| Commission, keeping in view the autonomy and accountability of the public sector enterprises.

Items pending in the National Council of Consultative Machinery

3113. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the items which are still pending in the National Council of Joint Consultative Machinery of Central Government Employees and since when;

(b) whether it is a fact that Employees Federations, Confederations and other Central Government Employees Associations are pressing for early settlement of the items pending in the National Council of Joint Consultative Machinery; and

(c) if so, by when the decisions are likely to be taken by the Government on these pending items?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) Items taken up in the National Council of the Joint Consultative Machinery which is the forum for continuing negotiations with the staff side for settlement of disputes remain pending if final decisions on them, by way of agreement or disagreement are not taken in the council meetings. Such pending items are further discussed in the meetings of the Council, Standing Committee of the National Council or remitted to committees of the National Council for further examination.

As on today 24 items are pending for disposal in the National Council|Standing Committee and 17 items are pending with the various Committees of the National Council.

(b) and (c) Since decisions on Joint Consultative Machinery items are taken in continuous negotiation with the Staff